

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2003-273-E – ORDER NO. 2005-547  
OCTOBER 5, 2005

IN RE: Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.,	)	ORDER GRANTING
	)	REQUEST TO EXTEND
Complainant,	)	DEADLINES FOR
	)	TESTIMONY
vs.	)	
	)	
South Carolina Electric & Gas Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“Aiken Electric”) for an extension of the deadlines for prefiling testimony in the present proceeding regarding a complaint of Aiken Electric against South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”).

Dates for filing testimony and exhibits in the docket were set forth in letter, dated July 7, 2005, from the Docketing Department of the Commission. By this letter, the following deadlines were established. Aiken Electric was required to file direct testimony and exhibits on or before September 21, 2005, and the direct testimony of SCE&G and the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) was to be filed on or before October 5, 2005. The rebuttal testimony of Aiken Electric was to be filed on or before October 12, 2005, and

surrebuttal testimony of SCE&G and the ORS was to be filed on or before October 17, 2005. The hearing in this docket is currently scheduled for November 10, 2005.

By letter from counsel for Aiken Electric, dated September 15, 2005, Aiken Electric seeks to extend the deadlines for prefiling testimony. Specifically, Aiken Electric requests that the deadline for Aiken Electric's direct testimony and exhibits be extended to October 12, 2005, and that the deadline for SCE&G's direct testimony and exhibits be extended to October 26, 2005. Further, Aiken Electric's rebuttal testimony would be due November 2, 2005, and SCE&G's surrebuttal testimony would be due November 8, 2005.

Aiken Electric states that both parties (Aiken Electric & SCE&G) have taken several depositions and engaged in written discovery. The parties, according to Aiken Electric, were in the process of scheduling several more depositions which were expected to conclude by September 30, 2005. Aiken Electric adds that an extension of the deadlines will not delay the hearing presently set for this matter. Lastly, counsel for Aiken Electric advises that he has consulted with counsel for SCE&G and that SCE&G has no objection to extension of the deadlines. In follow-up to the request, Aiken Electric submitted a letter, dated September 16, 2005, advising the Commission that Aiken Electric has also consulted with ORS regarding the extension of prefile deadlines and states that the ORS is agreeable to the dates set forth in Aiken Electric's request dated September 15, 2005.

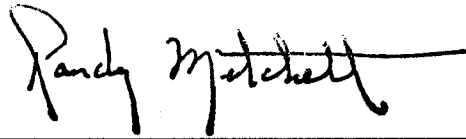
The Commission finds the request of Aiken Electric reasonable, finds that the request will not unduly prejudice any party, and therefore grants the request to extend the dates for filing testimony and exhibits.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s request for an extension of the deadlines for prefiling testimony and exhibits is granted.
2. Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall prefile direct testimony and exhibits on or before October 12, 2005.
3. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and the Office of Regulatory Staff shall prefile direct testimony and exhibits on or before October 26, 2005.
4. Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall file rebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before November 2, 2005.
5. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and the Office of Regulatory Staff shall file surrebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before November 8, 2005.

6. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

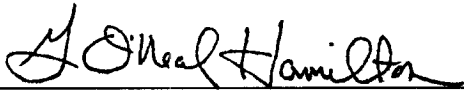
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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